A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

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FRom an Age full of Contradictions and Politick Myſteries, ſome neceſſary Obſervations might be made, if the Times would bear them—— But let them bear them or not, they ſhall not fail to hear them of me, while I can ſpeak or write, without the leaſt Regard to Human Reſentment, let the Danger be what it will.

Truth fears no Man's Anger, and Demonſtration is not to be inſulted; juſt Obſervations are the Duty of an Author, and as needful to Human Inſtruction, as Truth it ſelf, and therefore as juſtifiable; all the Riſque I can run therefore, is of making preſumptuous Suggeſtions, unjuſt Reflections, and unneceſſary Conſequences——— And be that to my ſelf— I'll take the Hazard chearfully, while I think the Work neceſſary.

While Proteſtant Malecontents chooſe a Popiſh King to dethrone their Soveraign, and cry, *'Tis to preſerve their Religion*— While a Proteſtant King quarters his Troops upon a Proteſtant Country, in order to reſtore their Churches; ſhall theſe be call'd Zealous and Heroes? Shall this be call'd Fighting for the Cauſe of GOD?— 'Tis blaſpheming the Proteſtant Religion, and affronting all the reſt of the Proteſtant Princes of *Europe*.

When One witholds the Quota's of his Troops he is oblig'd to furniſh to a Proteſtant Confederacy——— The Other takes Aſſiſtance from *France* to help them maintain themſelves againſt the Emperor. Are theſe Friends to the Proteſtant Religion? GOD forbid, I ſhould pray for Succeſs to either, in ſo far as they act, either intentionally

tionally or virtually, againſt the preſent Confederacy, which is the Bond of *Europe*'s Liberty.

Either the preſent Confederacy is the Foundation under GOD of the Proteſtant Intereſt, or is it not; *If it is not*, let them tell us, upon what *Human Baſis* could it have ſtood, if *France* had not been broken in Power by this Conjunction, and how long could the Proteſtant Religion have ſtood in the World, if *France* had prevail'd? *If it is*, then every Prince, or State, or Nation, that leſſens, that weakens, that Negatively, *by not aſſiſting when oblig'd*, or Poſitively, *by acting againſt it*, injures, invades or fights againſt any Branch of this Confederacy, invades, injures and fights againſt the Proteſtant Intereſt in the World, and, *ſo far as they do ſo*, are our Enemies, and ought to be fought againſt, and pray'd againſt, by every true Subject of this Nation? *As ſuch*, let them be *Swedes* or *Hungarians*, or whatſoever Prince, State or Nation they will, the differing Circumſtances make no Difference here.

Let the *Hungarians* obtain their Liberties Civil and Sacred, and I ſhall be glad to hear they had them peaceably ſecur'd: Let the *Sileſians* have their Churches reſtored, and I'll rejoyce in theſe Settlements of a Religious People: —But if it be their Diſaſter to ſtruggle for theſe, when the whole Proteſtant Intereſt is ſtruggling for Life, and their Caſe claſhes with the general Intereſt of Religion; I ſay, like blowing up Houſes in a Fire-Time, the leſſer Evil muſt be ſubmitted to, to avoid the greater: It were better the *Hungarian* Proteſtants were rooted from the Face of the Earth, the *Swede* and all his Army cut in pieces by the *Muſcovite*, tho' *GOD forbid it ſhould ſo happen*, than that *France* ſhould overthrow this Confederacy, on which the whole Proteſtant Intereſt, and the Peace and Liberty of *Europe*, entirely depend.

GOD forbid, I or any honeſt Man ſhould ſo wiſh them GOD ſpeed; *may I die* a Martyr to this Truth, if call'd to it, which I ſpeak without any Concern; the *Swedes* and the *Hungarians* have been the Ruin of *Europe*, the Enemies of Religion, and the Sanctuary of *France* ——— And in vain ſhall the Rage of Men or Devils oppoſe me in this Truth.

Let it be caſt up fairly, and let it be put into the Ballance of Power, and let any Man tell me—How many Hands has the Contingent of the *Swede*'s being deny'd, taken off from the Armies of the Confederates?—How many Regiments has the *Hungarian* War torn away from the Confederacy? What Breathing has it given to *France*, that theſe Additions were not given to the Imperial Troops? Does *France* out-number us? —Where is General *Rabutin* and *Starembergh* with the Imperial Armies, and what might not the Confederates have done to humble the *French* Power, had not theſe been deny'd on one Hand, and call'd away on the other?

Had the Imperial Troops, now fighting againſt the *Hungarians*, been joyn'd to Prince *Eugene*, 36 Battalions of *Heſſian*, *Pruſſian*, and *Palatine* Troops might have ſtay'd on the *Rhine*, and prevented the Empire's being inſulted; had 6000 *Swedes* been added to the Margrave of *Bareith*, the Lines of *Stolhoffen* had not been inſulted, nor the brave Duke of *Wirtembergh* ruin'd ——— Or had the Imperial Armies now in *Hungaria* been in *Spain*, the Battle of *Almanza* had never been loſt, nor King *Charles* been driven away from *Madrid*; *Phillip* V. had been a Refugee at *Paris*, and *Spain* been ſettled by this Time in the Houſe of *Auſtria*!

If the Proteſtant Religion be the Cauſe we defend, and the Cauſe of the *Hungarians* is Part of it; then the King of *France* is a Champion of the Proteſtant Religion, for he has been a great Support to, and is ſtill aſſiſting the *Hungarians* ———And this very thing might open our Eyes——Why does the King of *France* aſſiſt the *Hungarians*? —I affirm this to be a juſt Anſwer, He does is not in Love to the Proteſtant Religion, but to pull down the Proteſtant Religion— The King of *France* is far from a weak Prince, he knows his Intereſt but too well—He knows, if he conquers this Confederacy, he overthrows at once the Proteſtant Intereſt, and *Europe*'s Liberty—And he aſſiſts the

the *Hungarians* to weaken this Confederacy. —Turn the Tables— By the ſame plain Rule, the *Hungarians* are at this time, I do not ſay deſignedly ſo, but really and eventually they are, mortal Enemies to the preſent Confederacy, to the Liberty of *Europe*, and the Proteſtant Religion.

The very Article of the *Hungarian* War keeps 50000 Men out of the Confederacy, with whoſe Help, added to what we have, *France* had been inevitably overthrown, and *Europe* by this Time been at Peace.

Had it been at another Time, I ſhould have bleſs'd and pray'd for Succeſs to the *Hungarians* and the *Swedes*, and rejoyc'd in the Recovery of the Liberty and Religion of the *Sileſian* and *Bohemian* Churches— But to do it now, to wiſh them Succeſs againſt the Emperor now, would be to curſe my Native Country, to pray for the Deſtruction of the Proteſtant Allies, to betray the Liberties of *Europe*, to mock GOD in a moſt horrid Manner, by praying to him to abandon his Church, and pull down the Kingdom of Chriſt in the World. In ſhort, it would be to build with one Finger, and pull down with both Hands; it would be nouriſhing a Gangreen, and buying an Arm with the Price of the Life; it would be cutting the Throats of our innocent Children, and ſurrendring our Poſterity up to Bondage and Idolatry.

'Tis a moſt aſtoniſhing Blindneſs, that poſſeſſes our Minds, that we cannot diſtinguiſh of Proteſtants faithfully knit together for the mutual Defence of their ſacred and civil Privileges, and Proteſtants purſuing their own ſeparate Advantages, and proſecuting ambitious Deſigns——— A little thinking would ſet all to rights.

The Proteſtants in *Hungaria* are certainly upon a juſt Foot with the Emperor, at leaſt in ſo far as he denies them Peace and Liberty—But as to Prince *Ragotski* claiming *Tranſilvania*, or rejecting Peace, *tho' Liberty and Religion were ſecur'd*, I know not what to call that; it may be right as to *Tranſilvania*, but it can never be a Religious Reaſon, why they in *Hungary* ſhould not accept of a good Peace.

On the other hand, as to the Confedracy againſt *France*, what can we ſay? Can we ſay, the *Hungarians* are not fatally Enemies to this Confederacy, I mean conſequential Enemies? —Can any Man deny their diverting our Confederate Forces, and leaving Gaps and Chaſms in our Armies, at which the *French* Power breaks in to devour us? Unhappy *Hungarians*! that your Liberties and your Religion ſhould be ſet up at the Rate of pulling down the Liberty and Religion of all *Europe*—— That your Conteſt ſhould come on the Stage of the World, at a Time when it claſhes with the Cauſe of GOD, and when you, *as it were*, put Heaven to the Neceſſity, either to ſuppreſs you, abandon his intereſt in the World, or elſe to act out of the ordinary Courſe of Nature, and bring Miracles to paſs to reconcile the contradicting Circumſtances.

'Tis very hard, that where a War has run ſo ſeverely upon *Europe*, where we in this Iſland have been at ſuch Expence of Blood and Money, that it ſhould be made difficult to us, by ſuch as are our Friends, our Brethren, and whom we love, and at another Time would chearfully aſſiſt.

Hark, how the Novelty ſounds when put into *Engliſh*! That Proteſtants ſhould pull down Proteſtants, and build up Popery; that a Nation ſhould take up Arms for the Proteſtant Religion, and then ſet up over them a Popiſh King! —A Bleſſed Ally we ſhould have, if he ſought to come in to us, to have the Elector of *Bavaria* made King of *Hungaria*! And how ſhould we expect that Prince, who is one of the greateſt Bigotts of Popery in the World, ſhould protect the Proteſtants either in their Liberty or Religion? And yet this Prince, we are told, is one of the Candidates, that puts in for the Crown of *Hungaria*—An admirable Teſtimony, that the Malecontents of *Hungary* are Proteſtants; much ſuch another as the Killing the Son of the Sieur *Ocolocſani* was, who was cut in pieces in their Parliament at *Onrod*, for moving them to make Peace, and was a profeſs'd Proteſtant.

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These are some of the present Unhappineſſes the Confederacy labours under, and which some of this wiſe Generation, who yet ſeem afflicted as to our Loſſes, are pleas'd not to ſee—— I recommend it to ſuch to conſider, what they do when they applaud the *Swediſh* King, and pray for his Succeſs, and when they pity the *Hungarians*, and wiſh they might pull the Emperor out of his Throne; let them enquire, whether eventually it is not praying, that *France* may conquer the Confederacy, that the QUEEN may be dethroned for a Popiſh Uſurper, that the Liberty of *Europe* may be changed into *French* Bondage, and the Proteſtant Religion be overthrown by *Romiſh* Idolatry.

Let them conſider, whether the *Swedes* and *Hungarians* at this Time, however not deſigning it, however Proteſtant, and however Religious, do not in the Conſequence of their Actions fight againſt *England*, and aſſiſt *French* Power.

If this be ſo, Woe to the Ignorance and miſerable Blindneſs of this Age, that cry up and pray for the Enemies of GOD, and their Country, and know it not!

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